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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Allowability dated June 4, 2004 which included a remark in paragraph 5 on page 3 regarding non-consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement.

In response to the remark, the undersigned conducted a telephone conference with Examiner Verbitsky on or about June 25, 2004. In the telephone conference, the undersigned argued to the Examiner that the entire IDS as a whole should not be rejected for the reasons stated in the Notice of Allowability. Instead, the undersigned respectfully requested the Examiner to cross out on the PTO-1449 any particular items that the Examiner found to be not in conformance with the rules.

The Examiner responded that the references were not available for review. Then the undersigned pointed out that at least some of the information cited in the IDS is believed to be readily available in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such as US Patents. The undersigned requested that at least such readily-available information be considered for its relevance to the allowed claims. Furthermore, the undersigned offered to supply an extra copy of all non-patent literature, with a copy of a return-receipt postcard indicating that this information had been timely received in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The undersigned further requested that all information in the entire IDS be considered, because no one reference was believed by the undersigned to be more relevant than any other reference. The Examiner indicated that she would investigate the availability of cited references and let the undersigned know if additional copies need to be sent. In a subsequent telephone conference with the undersigned on or about July 1, 2004, Examiner Verbitsky indicated that all cited references were now available to her online and that she would now consider all the references.

Should there be any questions, please call the undersigned at (408) 982-8200, ext. 3.

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